AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) An image processing method, comprising:

judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

performing a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on the judgment of the quality of the image data, unless judged that correction processing is not necessary, wherein the necessity/nonnecessity of correction is judged based on the items pieced together.

2-7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

a memory which stores an image data of a color image;

a judge section which judges whether correction of the color image based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

a correct section which performs a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on a judgment of the quality of the image data by the judge section, unless the judge section judges that correction processing is not necessary, wherein the judge section judges the necessity/nonnecessity of correction base on the items pieced together.

9-14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Currently amended) A recording computer readable medium with a recorded program, the program being executed and performing:

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judging whether correction of image data of a color image is necessary based on a quality of sunset scene, the color image being covered with a specific color, contrast and sharpness of the whole area of the image data; and

performing a predetermined correction processing on at least a portion of the color image based on the judgment of the quality of the image data, unless judged that correction processing is not necessary.

16. (Previously presented) An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

converting color components R, G and B of the image data into hue data, lightness data and saturation data,

wherein the hue data, lightness data and saturation data are used on the judgment of the quality of the image data.

17. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

a converter which converts color components R, G and B of the image data into hue data, lightness data and saturation data,

wherein the hue data, lightness data and saturation data are used in the judgment of the quality of the image data of the judge section.

18-21. (Canceled)

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